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REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of 07/03/2002 has been reviewed.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-9 "under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is deemed that the amendments herein overcome these rejections.

The Examiner has then rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Claim 1 "as being unpatentable over 'shapely plug', page 33 of the 'Good Vibrations' catalog and Claims 1-9 "as being unpatentable over The Original Glass Dildo, 'The Spinner' and 'The Dialer.'" Claims 1-6 and 8 have been canceled. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended and new Claims 10-12 have been added.

The prior art has been carefully reviewed. Nothing in the prior art discloses the spin assisting components as disclosed and claimed in the present application, let alone the combination of both the recess and the knobs for effecting the intended function.

It would appear that the Examiner has merely gleaned miscellaneous features in the prior art and has attempted to combine them without a teaching for their combination. The only teaching is in applicant's disclosure which, by definition, is not prior art. But even if there were a teaching for the

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combination, the resulting structure would still fail to anticipate applicant's invention for the reasons set forth herein above.

The Examiner's use of the internet references as prior art is questioned. Two of the citations, V and W are dated 6/28/02 and it is not clear that The Original Glass Dilco, "The Spinner" and "The Dialer" predate the filing of the instant application. Withdrawal of the rejections based upon the Examiner's "prior art" is requested.

It is deemed that the amendments herein overcome all grounds of objection and rejection. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. (Cancel) A new and improved sexual aid system for increasing stimulation during sex acts comprising, in combination:

a cylindrical shaft having a length of between about 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 inches, preferably 3 inches, the shaft having a first end and a second end and an intermediate cylindrical portion therebetween, the intermediate portion having a diameter of between about 3/8 and 5/8 inches, preferably 1/2 inches; and

a base integrally formed at the first end of the shaft, the base having a first curved face adjacent the first end of the shaft and having diameter of between about 2 1/2 inches and 3 1/2 inches, preferably 3 inches.

2. (Cancel) The sex aid as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the shaft and base are fabricated of a generally lubricious glass-based material containing an appreciable amount of an oxide of boron to render it lubricious and resistant to heat, chemicals and electricity.

3. (Cancel) The sex aid as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the surface of the shaft and the first surface of the base include a plurality of raised nubs formed thereon.

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4. (Cancel) The sex aid set forth in Claim 3 wherein the base further includes a flat second surface opposite the first surface wherein the second surface includes a recess formed integrally therein.

5. (Cancel) The sex aid as set forth in Claim 4 wherein the base further includes a flat second surface opposite the first surface wherein the second surface includes a knob formed integrally thereon.

6. (Cancel) The sex aid as set forth in Claim 5 wherein a conical head is integrally formed at the second end of the shaft, the conical head having a diameter of between about 1/4 inches and 1 3/4 inches, preferably 1 1/2 inches and having a plurality of raised nubs formed thereon.

7. (Amended) A [new and improved] sexual aid system for increasing stimulation during sex acts comprising, in combination:

a cylindrical shaft having a central long axis with a length of between about 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 inches[, preferably 3 inches,] the shaft having a first end and a second end and an intermediate cylindrical portion therebetween, the intermediate portion having a diameter of between about 3/8 and 5/8 inches[, preferably 1/2 inches];

a base integrally formed at the first end of the shaft, the base having a first curved face adjacent the first end of the

shaft and having diameter of between about 2 1/2 inches and 3 1/2 inches, preferably 3 inches and a flat second surface opposite the first surface wherein the second surface includes a spin assisting component formed of a recess and a laterally displaced knob formed integrally therein, the recess and knob each having a short axis parallel with the long axis;

a plurality of raised nubs formed on the [surface of the shaft and the] first surface of the base; and

a conical head [is] integrally formed at the second end of the shaft, the conical head having a diameter of between about 1/4 inches and 1 3/4 inches, preferably 1 1/2 inches and having a plurality of ridge-like protrusions formed thereon, the shaft and base and conical head being fabricated of a generally lubricious glass-based material containing an appreciate amount of an oxide of boron to render it lubricious and resistant to heat, chemicals and electricity.

8. (Cancel) The sexual aid system as set forth in Claim 7 wherein the shaft and base and conical head being fabricated of a generally lubricious glass-based material containing an appreciate amount of an oxide of boron to render it lubricious and resistant to heat, chemicals and electricity.

9. (Amend) A [new and improved] sexual aid system for increasing stimulation during sex acts comprising, in combination:

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a cylindrical shaft, the shaft having a first end and a second end and an intermediate cylindrical portion therebetween;

a base integrally formed at the first end of the shaft, the base having a first curved face adjacent the first end of the shaft and a flat second surface opposite ^athe first surface wherein the second surface includes a [recess and a knob] spin assisting component formed integrally therewith;

a plurality of raised nubs formed on [the surface of the shaft and] the first surface of the base;

a conical head is integrally formed at the second end of the shaft; and

the shaft and base and conical head being fabricated of a generally lubricious glass-based material containing an appreciable amount of an oxide of boron to render it lubricious and resistant to heat, chemicals and electricity.

10. (New) The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein the spin assisting component is a recess in a cylindrical configuration parallel with, but offset from, the cylindrical shaft.

11. (New) The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein the spin assisting component is a knob in a cylindrical configuration parallel with, but offset from, the cylindrical shaft.

12. (New) The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein the spin assisting component is a recess in a cylindrical

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